

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 23rd 2003**

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## **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

Please note that there will be no monthly meeting in December, and from the New Year all future monthly meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. A date and a venue are yet to be fixed for the annual night out.

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## **Jamboree on the Air**

All Units and Groups participating in JOTA are asked to submit reports to their respective National JOTA organisers. These will be used in the National Reports to the WOSM in Geneva. Reports should if possible include photographs and press cuttings.

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## **Packet News**

TIPBBS, WITIP and the newly sited EI2WRC-2 node are now all on 144.850 MHz. EI2WRC-2 was recently moved to Mt. Leinster and the interference which was present on 144.850 in the vicinity of WIPIP has ceased so the gateway is now moved back to its original frequency.

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## **50 MHz**

The 50 MHz UK Activity Contest will take place on Tuesday the 25th of November between 20:00 and 22:30 hours UTC.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

A 70cm wide-split repeater is scheduled for installation at the Mount Leinster site on Sunday the 23rd of November and if successful, this repeater will remain on site on a trial basis for the coming weeks. The repeaters input frequency is 438.550 MHz and output frequency is 430.950 MHz.

The EI2WRC 2 metre repeater has completed it's recent trial run on Mt. Leinster. The

club are currently looking into an alternative site for the repeater and will remain off-air for the coming weeks. More news will be announced soon. In the meantime, the IRTS Radio news from Waterford on Tuesday nights will be read on 145.575 MHz. Please note that the EI2ECR (East Cork Repeater) is available and has excellent coverage in the Waterford area.

The next general meeting of the club will take place on Wednesday next, the 26th of November at the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All are welcome. For latest information and news about the club, visit the clubs website at [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com) or e-mail [info@searg.com](mailto:info@searg.com).

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### **Oscar 14 - End of Mission**

It has been reported by the SSTL Mission Control Centre that UoSAT OSCAR-14 has reached the end of its mission after almost 14 years in orbit. The satellite was launched in 1990 by Ariane and was the first 9k6 bps amateur data communications satellite.

UO-14 spent a large portion of its life using commercial frequencies for humanitarian use by SatelLife who used it until 1997, when it was switched back to amateur use as an FM repeater. Recently, one of the battery cells has become exhausted and can no longer maintain proper operation of the repeater.

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### **Radio News Service**

Clubs and individuals are strongly encouraged to submit items for inclusion in the radio news. The news service relies on your input. If you or your club have recently participated in some radio related activity or made a notable achievement please submit your details to the radio news. Remember, day-to-day information such as dates of upcoming meetings or events, club contact details etc. are also most welcome input for the news.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded Mark Wall EI7IS. He can be contacted on 087-6302026. News can also be submitted via e-mail to [news@irts.ie](mailto:news@irts.ie) for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

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